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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday April 9th, 2009

In Attendance:

Members:

Sheri Cohen Chicago Department of Public Health

Lorrie Lynn United Way of Metro Chicago

Janelle Brown RTA

Janna Stansell Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Mike Sullivan Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Tammy Wierciak Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Candace King DuPage Federation on Human Services
Craig Adams Pioneer Center for Human Services

Joan Frankel MCIC

Jacky Grimshaw Center for Neighborhood Technology

Jim Lewis Chicago Community Trust

Lynn O'Shea Association for Individual Development

Guest:

Lillian Lahr CTA

Rebecca Burgstahler Age Options

Richard Sewell UIC School of Public Health Cheryl Whitaker Chicago Community Trust

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak CMAP Staff
Bob Dean CMAP Staff
Shana Alford CMAP Staff
Don Kopec CMAP Staff
Ross Patronsky CMAP Staff

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of November minutes.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The vice-chair stated that at the last programming committee the revised version of Developments of Regional Significance (DRI's) was approved. In the revised

version only one of the 3 major criteria has to be met to trigger the start of the DRI process. Also a provision was to consider the impacts on vulnerable streams and rivers. It is expected that the CMAP board will approve the revised DRI process at its May meeting.

4.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

4.1 Health Presentation (CCT/Health Lead Agency)

Richard Sewell from the UIC school of Public Health gave Power Point Presentation on the health draft report commissioned by the Chicago Community Trust in support of the Go To 2040 plan. He stated that this was a unique opportunity for the health profession and health planners. Typically health planners do not work with an agency such as CMAP and typically their planning horizon is about 5 years. Looking out to 2040 is not something that would typically be done in the health field. It was stated that the report focused on health disparities, interventions, and strategies that are under regional control. It was also stated that around 70% of deaths are the result of chronic diseases. Two of the keys to better health are prevention and health promotion.

An overview of the current health system was given. One of the ongoing concerns is that there has been a rise in the number of food borne illnesses. This is due to a variety of factors such as a lack of health inspectors, inadequate food preparation, cleanliness issues, etc. Health indicators that were proposed were also explained as were the methodology for evaluation (using per counties) and reasons why various types were chosen and their utility to other indicator/health projects. A variety of strategies were also proposed. In addition the goals associated with the strategies (such as reducing infant mortality) have interim goals so that progress can be measured incrementally (5 year increments) between 2010 and 2040.

A variety of questions from committee members were asked.

- Q. Is it the realistic to be able to achieve the goals that are proposed, particularly in the 5 year time horizons?
- A. These goals are realistic and doable. Of the proposed goals Diabetes is the one that is of most concern because it is currently trending upward, thus progress will be more challenging.
- O. Why would the Civic Committee want to be involved?
- A. The reason for their inclusion is to try to reach out to a variety of possible stakeholders so that you don't have "the usual suspects" involved in this effort.
- Q. What is the plan to increase access to care?
- A. To increase education and access to care. There are cost savings to be had with early intervention and treatments, versus the cost associated with provided care associated with the final stages of life. Cost is a factor and prevention has not been invested in like it should.

- Q. With regard to the public health infrastructure does it address health workforce issues?
- A. This plan doesn't, but there are a number of other studies that are underway throughout the region that are looking at this very issue.
- Q. Is the public health infrastructure just about workforce issues?
- A. It is more than just workforce issues. There is the faith community, employers, etc. The problem is the scale, which is missing and you can't do everything that needs to be done at the population level.
- Q. Data can be an issue, how is this plan using data.
- A. Data is an ongoing problem that needs to be looked at. Part of what is called for in this draft is to look at the data needs and identify areas where it needs to be strengthened and state how this can be done.
- 4.2 CMAP/CCT Partnership Update (Jim Lewis, CCT/Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP)

A brief update was given to the committee on the status of the Chicago Community Trust and CMAP partnership. All of the lead agencies either have completed their draft papers or are nearing completion. There are 2 more presentation for the Human Services committee in May, Human Relations and Workforce Development. After May the process then is focused on incorporating the recommendations into the Go To 2040 plan.

- 4.3 Evaluation Measures for Major Capital Projects (Ross Patronsky, CMAP) CMAP staff went over the process for evaluating Major Capital Projects. One goal is to try to reduce the focus on major capital projects so that they are not the central element of the plan. Instead the goal is to have capital projects that support the preferred scenario to the maximum extent possible. One aspect of the evaluation is to look at the environmental justice impacts to determine if the burdens and benefits to the region are equally distributed so that no one portion of the region disproportionately benefits or is burdened by major capital investments or the lack there of. The Volpe center help to work on this. The committee was asked to provide comments on the document that accompanied this discussion. At the May transportation committee meeting this issue will be discussed again.
 - Q. What is the relationship between the state and the region what is the political process for choosing major capital investments.
 - A. All the various groups involved with a project are in constant conversations. In addition, projects need to be in the long-range plan and then put into the TIP. Money cannot be spent on a project that isn't in the long-range plan and the TIP.
- 4.4 Scenario Development (Bob Dean, CMAP)

 Bob Dean described to the committee how the different scenarios under development would apply to Human Services in general. It was

emphasized that the scenarios should not be looked at in the context of choosing one or the other. Instead identifying the strengths and weakness of each scenario is the purpose. Understanding how various components of each scenario affect various Human Services aspects is an important part of scenario evaluation. The goal is to build a preferred scenario comprised of the best parts taken from the various proposed scenarios. The ability to evaluate the strengths and weakness of the various scenarios on the level of detailed that someone can do this at will all be available on CMAP website in the future. The website will be primary vehicle for gathering input on the various scenarios. Discussion of the various scenarios will continue in more depth at the May Human Services Committee meeting.

There was also a brief discussion on a CMAP mapping project. CMAP has data that was purchased from Dunn and Bradstreet that has the location and type of health facilities throughout the region. Committee members were asked to look at the maps and let CMAP staff know how accurate they thought that they were. An email would be sent out that would have a detailed database from which committee members could do a quick quality check. This item would be discussed again at the May meeting.

4.5 2-1-1 Update

CMAP staff provided an update on the current status of 2-1-1 efforts. There is a number of activities regarding 2-1-1 that were brought to the committee's attention. Two are legislative issues and the other is a planning issue.

Legislative Issues:

At the State level SB1922 has unanimously passed the state Senate and was now in the House where it was assigned to the telecommunications committee. Minority leader Tom Cross is the chief sponsor of the bill in the House. At the national level there the United Way of America and its partners are steadily making progress adding co-sponsors to the 211 national calling act. Currently they have over 100 members of the house (h211) and 35 senators signed up as co-sponsors of this bill (s211) 211 Planning:

CMAP, AIRS Illinois, and the United Way of Illinois are in the final stages of approving an MOU that will serve as the guiding document for the 211 statewide planning efforts. The United Way of America will be contracted with to develop the plan. Hopefully this process will begin in the near future.

5.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI): Don Kopec, CMAP

The current recommendation for DRI's was briefly explained. The focus now is on three criteria, Traffic generated, waste water usage and acreage consumed. In addition the impacts on vulnerable rivers and streams are also to be considered. Large scale policy changes, such as welfare to work would not meet the DRI

criteria. However it doesn't mean that CMAP would have an opinion on something like that, it just wouldn't be a DRI. The current proposal is for a 2 year trial period and will likely be approved at the May or June CMAP board meeting.

6.0 Other

Don Kopec from CMAP discussed the current situation regarding the agencies funding from the State as proposed in next year's budget. Currently, the governor's proposed budget has allocated no funds for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the state, such as CMAP. CMAP uses the state funding to match federal funding. Federal funding covers about 80% of CMAP's operating budget. However that money needs to be used on transportation planning by law. The matching money provided by the state is used to support non-transportation planning efforts throughout the region. CMAP is in discussions to restore the state planning funds but as of yet those efforts have not caused the governor to restore the funds. CMAP and its board will be in Springfield on May 6th to press the matter with elected officials.

7.0 Next Meeting (May 11th at 10:00am)

8.0 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.